

By: Bonnen of Galveston

H.B. No. 888

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to the punishment for the offense of making a false report
3 or statement regarding a missing child; increasing a criminal
4 penalty.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Section 37.081(b), Penal Code, is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 (b) An offense under this section is a Class C misdemeanor,
9 except that the offense is a Class A misdemeanor if it is shown on
10 the trial of the offense that the false report or statement was made
11 in reference to a child younger than 14 years of age.

12 SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only
13 to an offense committed on or after the effective date of this Act.
14 An offense committed before the effective date of this Act is
15 governed by the law in effect on the date the offense was committed,
16 and the former law is continued in effect for that purpose. For
17 purposes of this section, an offense was committed before the
18 effective date of this Act if any element of the offense occurred
19 before that date.

20 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect September 1, 2015.